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SUBJECT: GREEK COTTON FARMERS DEMAND FULL SUBSIDIES FOR
2004 CROP

- [11](#). (U) SUMMARY: Greek cotton farmers are staging their annual protest and threatening to block the North-South highway unless they receive su
- [12](#). (U) Every January in recent years Greek cotton farmers have garnered headlines as they threaten to block the national highway connecting #
- [13](#). (U) The Greek cotton growers set January 20 as the deadline to settle their dispute with the GoG or to block the national highway. Should
- [14](#). (U) On January 13 Minister of Agriculture Basiakos met with representatives of cotton producers, unions, local Members of Parliament, and
- [15](#). (U) COMMENT: To add insult to injury, the EU gave up future levels of cotton subsidies during the last WTO agricultural negotiation. As a
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